



Bernard J. Youngblood

Register of Deeds

August 30, 2019

Sam Reynolds
Filed via MuckRock.com
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 78158
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request of July 31, 2019, requesting the following

- Details on any efforts The County is undertaking with regards to putting land records, title records, property conveyance, or liens on the Blockchain
- Details on any vendors that have approached The County with regards to providing the office with Blockchain infrastructure
- The pitch deck/marketing materials that vendors have submitted to The County with regards to providing Blockchain infrastructure for the digitization of land records, title records, property conveyance, or liens
- Details on any Blockchain training courses or seminars that staff from The County Clerk's office has participated in¹

Sam Reynolds:

The Wayne County Register of Deeds Office received your July 31, 2019 emailed request, on August 28, 2019 from the Wayne County Executive Office. You have asked for the following:

- Details on any efforts The County is undertaking with regards to putting land records, title records, property conveyance, or liens on the Blockchain
- Details on any vendors that have approached The County with regards to providing the office with Blockchain infrastructure
- The pitch deck/marketing materials that vendors have submitted to The County with regards to providing Blockchain infrastructure for the digitization of land records, title records, property conveyance, or liens
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We are unable to locate the requested records after a diligent search. I certify they are not within the Office of the Register of Deed. Therefore, your request is denied. However, the County will continue its search for these records and will supplement its response and advise you of any applicable costs should these records become available.

You have the right to do either of the following:

(1) Submit a written appeal to the County Executive, which specifically states the word "appeal" and states the reason or reasons the denial should be reversed.

Or:

¹The legally required posting of the "Wayne County Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines", as well as the "Wayne County Summary of FOIA Procedures & Guidelines", are available for viewing under the "Public Records" section of the County's website at the following web address: <http://waynecounty.com/county/foia.htm>

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(2) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel disclosure. Should you prevail, you will be entitled to have reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements assessed against the County by the court. If you or the County prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award you all or an appropriate portion of the reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the court determines that the County has been arbitrary and capricious in its denial, you will be entitled to punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Spring Smith', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Spring Smith, FOIA Officer
Wayne County Register of Deeds Office

Denial Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Steven Collins', written below the 'Denial Approved:' text.

Steven Collins
Office of Corporation Counsel
Date: August 30, 2019